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Shug Mitchell:

Assumption

Truth can be "suppressed" by incomplete disclosure - spin control. Franklin: "Half the truth can be a great lie."

"6 days ago, a single American plane dropped a single bomb on Hiroshima, an important Japanese Army base."

There was an Army base, but Bomb was aimed at center of (civilian) town.

Important that Bomb be seen simultaneously as a symbol of American military domination -

Apparently also Rabinowitz considered releasing the fact of the Bomb; "soon after" release of PP, ER wrote a letter to NYT praising what it had done

DB

The use of the "narrative" had more to do with the decision to build and "use" more bombs, not about war in WWII. The American people would probably have been grateful for the Bomb anyway, since the war ended soon after.

George Welles - first reporter to reach Nagasaki - his chilling account was suppressed by censorship officer.

mitell:

refuse to stick by understanding of Amian's sense of decency  
— or willingness to stockpile new bombs.

- Conant was afraid that Strong + P

Conant: "If <sup>our</sup> first use of the bomb was seen as not justified, why would our later threats be believed?"

"You have to get the past straight before you can help people for the future."

and 2

East Horizon

Konarke: Hisslein and S

be saved in order to be destroyed.

## — Nanjing: officials

- ~~Does~~ not lose sleep? Did he see choir as their problem?  
- ~~Does~~ not <sup>longing</sup> officials  
+ ~~Does~~ not <sup>longing</sup> officials

- lesson to Stalin: - willing to massacre (Rwanda)

(Rabi and / Szilard / Snow (Einstein))

III - Why does it rather what Amiens believes? Catastrophe  
by the Bombing concealed/revealed - exposed to 1-2 Regi banks.

"If it was alright to use / drop the bomb, it was the  
kind all right to stockpile it, and even to threaten F.U."  
[a foot.]

Conant found that if SU did not fear US EU, they would not accept Baruch plan. "But if they did fear it, they would <sup>"</sup> <sub>"</sub> <sup>"</sup> <sub>"</sub> "they would want their own."

6M: The precursor of the Smithsonian battle was the battle over an MGM film: "The Beginning or the End." Initially cautious + skeptical/concerned; after an intervention, pro-Bomb - "no alternative"; some 100 times. <sup>visibly scared of benefits</sup> being drafted for 10 days

Kifton: (Conant, the Educator, upholding wife and distorting history.]

RL: Hist was projected into an "atrocious - producing situation"; a situation such as to engage an angry person in slaughter — still, a responsibility, to decide...

Groves expanded his charter to produce Bomb in the shortest possible time, to win the war, and influence postwar (US-SU) relations.

Groves was the only contact between the scientists and the decision-makers, <sup>to</sup> whom he was the only spokesman for the scientists.

Hist + FDR were in a conspiracy of silence about the imminent of FDR's death — obvious for a year earlier.

Stimson never gave up his determination to use the Bomb.

[CIE?  
DENIAL?]

Stimson hated area bombing —

He deceived himself about (what he was doing — paper.)

McB said: "It was stated city bombing. He thought he had forbidden it

RL thinks Stoen & Juras covered each other — & felt a deux — that they were not the targets  
civilians, ~~so~~ that ~~the~~ A-bomb was not aimed at  
civilians! See

[ RL: but was afraid, publicly, to be seen as  
departing from U.S.

My typ:

MS to me: After getting word of Trinity, but asked  
Marshall, "Do we still want Russians to come in?" ~~SDS~~ <sup>SDS</sup>  
Marshall: "We can't stop them. If they want to come in, they'll come in. If they don't..."

Decision for but was prefigured but not preordained.

to?

Oppie: "There was no doubt that we were all  
deeply uncomfortable to be associated with such slaughter."

but to

"Models" -

- Secrecy, Suppression, Cover-up

- Denial, Hardening - to issues of genocide

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"World FOR have dropped the Bomb?

World against? [Skinner!] [Hunt!] vs  
~ "No"

Walter Reich? "I always think of him as finished -  
always depressed, (guilt?)

Hiroshima

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- Why ~~work~~ to replace the myths of August, against defenses, and make Americans feel bad?

- To prevent more Hirosaris

Amisan myths are a serious <sup>drag</sup> obstacle to reducing the (growing) risks of more Hirosaris.

- Amisan believe: <sup>1)</sup> The only way to "use" nuclear weapons - US - did so only in response to clearly overwhelming incentives, legititately, <sup>(2)</sup> in ways that validate our trust in our leaders and our duty of responsibility / decision-making / info-gathering and use to our leaders

(B) there is no evidence (from WWII to now) that supports from that leaders "like ours" might "use" nukes in ways that we would not endorse, circumstances that do not legitimate the use...

(C) There was an actual occasion in which Bomb was necessary + legitimate - this could be again [ "What happened was <sup>is</sup> possible" ]

→ in my view, it applies to actual Hiroshima-making and to later threats, and crises

(To re-evaluate Hiroshima is not to prove that Bomb could never be legit, "necessary," useful, moral, legal

- but (MBG)

OR EVEN  
CONSIDER  
THEM

LESS IN  
EMPTY BULLETIN

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Ambiguities for me: How to respond to  
assumption about me:

- assumption I am a Jew  
or "Are you a Jew?"
- "Dr. Ellsberg" = DOD

(to Sy: For one to identify with (or share  
great interest in) Jewish religion, is to  
reject/reject the parents - this choice,  
this chosen identity, for the end result - to be ashamed  
of the (not of being Jewish: of parents being  
themselves, + me, to be Jewish:

Jewish Christians - respected by no one  
who is not one - they respected themselves.

if Nicasha was "increasing" / legitimate,  
the possession is justified / legitimate  
for all actions.

If there never has been a good-enough  
reason to use a nuclear weapon, then  
we should be open to bothering nuclears, and  
the case for doing so is greatly strengthened.

in Santa Barbara:  
Kings Conf.?

Oct 2001

Peggy Reeves (sp.?)

Gender dimension; Men of Men ✓  
(esp. adolescent males; 25% of first in (M.E.)?  
50% men (b))

Male socialization and misogyny  
extremes of misogyny = Taliban, extremist Muslim  
Honor apartheid in Afghanistan

Left: for T movement, effective articulation of  
(non-feminist) grievances with most extreme ideology of  
subordination of women.